

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer-based service cooperative system and method for use includes a host computer or a member initiator computer and at least two member computers linkable to the host or initiator computer. The members are associated in a member group and determine rules and a point value system. In use, one of the members in the member group requests a service event via the host or initiator computer, the host distributes the service event request to other members of the group according to a criteria and one of them accepts and performs the service. A ledger is carried by the host or initiator computer for maintaining a point account for each member. The host or initiator computer calculates a point amount for each service event and adjusts accordingly the point accounts for the provider and the requestor. Such a service cooperative system may be used to exchange babysitting or child care services, household chores, yard work, reusable goods, and the like.

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